

for the United States Navy. It gives the rates of pay and other information, and then holds out as an inducement to enlist that the yearly additions to the navy will make a large increase in the number of warrant officers necessary, these being positions to which naval apprentices can immediately aspire and which pay \$30 to \$70 per month with rations.

As is the case with the military and naval cadets at West Point and Annapolis, the daily routine for naval apprentices is carefully arranged and divided between work, instruction and rest. The day begins at 5:30, after breakfast, and ends with a 10 o'clock at night. They are instructed in the elementary branches of learning, and drilled in gymnastics, seamanship, signaling, artillery and infantry tactics on land and spars, sails and gunnery at sea. It is worth noting that a graduate of the Newport Training School had charge of one of the forward guns of the Olympia during Dewey's battle in Manila bay.

Besides those things every boy is taught cooking for certain periods during his enlistment. The menus prepared by the juvenile chefs show a selection of foods especially adapted for youths who are growing into manhood, and at the same time there is variety enough to suit almost any appetite. At the same time they are supplied with a proper quantity of toothsome dainties specially tempting to the youthful palate, cakes, ginger snaps, jelly or fruit being a part of the bill of fare at supper every day, while on Sunday ice cream is served for dessert at dinner and cakes at supper. On holidays there are special dinners, which means, of course, roast turkey and cranberry sauce at dinner with plum pudding and mince pie for dessert. Canned vegetables and canned meats are often used when, owing to the weather, other courses are not obtainable. "The quantities of the above diet," says the regulations, "are unrestricted, each apprentice to have all he wishes to eat." Tobacco, however, is forbidden.

The wardrobe furnished by Uncle Sam to each of his naval apprentices includes mattresses, blankets, mattress covers, four uniform suits, underwear, a jersey, two pairs of shoes, three caps and two white hats, overcoat, rubber boots, rubber blanket, knife and lanyard, neckerchief, leggings, soap, scrubbing brush, blacking, hairbrush and shaving brush, washbroom, thimble, buttons, needles, black and white thread and sewing silk.

The apprentices are divided into sections of eighteen lads each, which are in charge of two petty officers. The bugle squad consists of ten apprentices, chosen for their knowledge of music and probable aptitude for playing the bugle.

**PUNISHMENT.** The punishment provided for disobedience, obstreperous conduct and other offenses varies in form and severity, but is a very necessary adjunct to the code of the training establishments. A system of demerits is provided for tardiness, untidiness, whistling, talking, or "skipping" in ranks, misbehavior, neglect of duty, profanity, lying, petty theft, obscene or disrespectful language, insubordination, assault, etc. The demerits run from two to ten, and then merge into more severe forms of punishment. Six demerits impose on the boy receiving them one hour of extra duty, which means hard work in the boatswain's gang or sentry or police duty. Apprentices guilty of stealing, disobedience of orders, gross insubordination or obscenity, desertion or attempting to desert, drunkenness or other serious offenses are confined with or without irons, single or double, solitary confinement on bread and water, solitary confinement or extra duties.

Particular attention is paid to the instruction of apprentices in gunnery and marksmanship with large and small arms. The value of this instruction was illustrated during the famous battle of Manila bay and at the destruction of Cervera's Spanish fleet off Santiago. Some of the best shots were made during those memorable encounters by gunners who served their apprenticeships at Uncle Sam's Naval Training School. The boys in the gunnery classes are instructed in the general description of ordnance, care in handling arms and ammunition, sighting, aiming, and the care and cleaning of guns. Advantage is taken of every opportunity for target practice with big guns, and breechloading small arms, revolvers and rifles.

A boy cannot swim when he enlists he is soon taught that athletic art preservative. During warm weather, when the temperature of the water is above 70 degrees Fahrenheit, there are swimming and swimming lessons every morning at 6:50 o'clock. The swimming school is in charge of the boatswain's mate, who has the lifeboat properly manned and provided with life preservers to prevent accidents. All boys except those excused by the surgeon are required to swim daily at the above hour.

Every Friday the apprentices participate in the fire drill after the buglers have sounded the "fire alarm." The boys are provided with a fire alarm, and are required to attend divine services, Catholic or Protestant, every Sunday.

One of the ironclad regulations of the apprentice service is this: "Never question, but obey all orders promptly, whether coming from an officer, petty officer, a marine on duty or boy petty officer. After an order has been obeyed, if it is thought an injustice has been done, report the fact to the executive officer." When responding to an order, the apprentice is to perform some service boys are not permitted to reply, "All right, sir," or "Very well."

The prescribed sailor's form for the most part is the same as that of the army. There are numerous incentives to proficiency, good morals and behavior, including the Bailey medal, instituted by the late rear-admiral Theodore Bailey for proficiency, which is awarded annually on Dec. 31.

The naval apprentice system of the United States is regarded by foreign officers who have examined it, as the best in the world. The graduate apprentice can go aboard a war vessel or command a position on shipboard from ordinary seaman to warrant officer of the highest rank, and receive their instruction at the hands of competent and experienced officers and in years to come these same boys will be found manning the big guns and navigating the peerless battleships, monitors and cruisers of the American navy.

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**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.**

P. C., Indianapolis: If you will send your name and address information you ask will be sent by mail.

At what time did the death of Sir Charles Russell occur?—Student.

On Aug. 10, 1930.

Where and when was Alice Cary born?

What is "Gath's" true name?—A. G.

April 20, 1830, eight miles from Cincinnati, O. George Alfred Townsend.

What is the address of Justin McCarthy, and (2) where was he born?—C. A. M.

Ashleydene, Roxburgh Road, Westgate-on-Sea, England. 2. At Cork, Ireland.

How did the word "cracker" come to be applied to Southern country folk?

A diet chiefly consisting of cracked corn is said to be responsible for the nickname.

When was the first capture of Cartagena, United States of Colombia, by the French?—Both Sides.

In 1844, eleven years after the city was founded.

Are children of foreign-born parents born in the United States entitled to citizenship without process of law when their parents have never renounced allegiance to their former government?—B. E.

Yes; birth in this country confers citizenship without regard to the citizenship of the parents.

Where was the first "rummage sale" given, and who was the originator of the same?—Subscriber, Winchester.

It is the understanding of the ladies who have conducted such affairs in Indianapolis that the first sale of the kind was in New Orleans.

Why does not the passage of the electric current by a telegraph wire kill the birds on it?—P. D. R.

The current does not leave the wire, only an infinitesimal portion of it going through the bird. Should any part of the bird touch another wire, the current might be turned through its body and kill it.

What is the capital stock of the Standard Oil Company? What amount of business does it annually?—Subscriber, Connersville.

In round numbers, \$100,000,000. We have no way of ascertaining amount of business done. A 30 per cent. dividend was declared in 1929.

Please give the total vote in Cook county, Ill., in presidential election 1896; also vote of Chicago as separated from the rest of the county—Old subscriber, Sullivan.

The total vote of Cook county in 1896 was 379,698. The separate vote of Chicago is not given in any election table in the political year book.

Will you publish directions how to cook and serve a "Wiener schnitzel." This is a very popular short-order dish in Germany.—F. J., Indianapolis.

Weiner schnitzel is a breaded veal cutlet, and is usually served with tomato sauce and with chopped pickles, beets and sardines (a small fish) laid on top.

What is meant in iron working by "putting"?

2. Which melts easier, cast or wrought iron? 3. Which is magnetic iron especially valuable?—T. M. W., Indianapolis.

The process of ridding melted pig iron of carbon and other impurities and turning it into wrought iron. 2. Cast, by some 700 degrees of Fahrenheit. 3. Because of the very large proportion of iron it contains.

Will you kindly give me the authorship of "Count that day loss whose low descending sun Views from thy hand no worthy action done."—E. E. F., Indianapolis.

According to Bartlett the authorship is unknown. The lines are found in Standford's "Art of Reading," published in Boston in 1893.

Are newspapers in Pennsylvania allowed to publish a marriage license if the persons to whom the license is issued object to it? If you do not know where can I find out?—Z. J., Indianapolis.

You can probably get the information you want by writing to a Pennsylvania newspaper—Pittsburgh Dispatch or Philadelphia Press, for instance—and inclosing stamp.

What is the British coastguard?—E. M. S.

A body of men stationed along the coasts of England and Ireland to detect smugglers and to serve as a defensive force. Originally it was part of the customs service, but in 1856 it was transferred to the navy. Coast guardsmen are instructed in naval gunnery, signaling and gunboat exercise, are liable in time of war to be called on for naval duty, and number about 4,000.

Does a woman of foreign birth who is married to an American citizen have to take out naturalization papers to vote at a general election in Idaho?—F. A. B.

No; a wife's citizenship is that of her husband, and an alien woman who marries a citizen thereby becomes a citizen; and when both husband and wife are alien she becomes a citizen when he is naturalized.

What ten States have the largest savings bank deposits, the amount of deposits in each State, and the number of depositors?—W. S. Van S.

New York, deposits, \$909,300,718; depositors, 1,351,551; Massachusetts, \$472,556,565 and 1,088,132; California, \$124,125,237 and 176,426; Pennsylvania, \$118,713,684 and 371,617; Connecticut, \$147,860,631 and 285,902; Ohio, \$55,453,159 and 157,737; Maine, \$44,766,348 and 120,124; Michigan, \$38,514,439 and 112,132; New Jersey, \$35,557,478 and 125,247; New Hampshire, \$35,791,918 and 88,259.

Kindly state if the Original of the following verse should be "twenty" or "forty" years ago. I find them both used in print by authors who were contemporaries.

I wandered to the village Tom, and sat beneath the tree.

Upon the schoolhouse playing ground, that sheltered you and me;

But none were there to greet me, Tom, and few were left to know.

Who lay beneath the green, just twenty years ago.

The correct title is "Just Twenty Years Ago." The name of the author of the words seems to be lost, as it does not appear on the sheet music. The music was written by R. B. Sanford in 1858.

What is used in glazes to make gold leaf stick?

Gold-size, a priming whose adherent quality is glue; or, chiefly for work that will have exposure to the weather, oil-size, which is a varnish of linseed oil and ochre. Gilding put on books is made to adhere by pressure and heat, or by the use of gelatine. The former method is for cloth covers, the latter for leather bindings.

Please print text of Spanish treaty, when adopted and when ratified. State when the United States and the Philippines began Maximilian, Indianapolis.

We cannot give space to the document

at this time. You can see the text at any time on calling at the Journal office, or the public library. It was formally ratified by the United States Senate on Feb. 6, 1898; was signed by President McKinley on Feb. 10, and by the Queen Regent of Spain on March 17. Formal ratifications were exchanged in Washington on April 11. The trouble in the Philippines began shortly after the arrival of the first United States troops at Manila in July, 1898. Aguinaldo at once beginning to stir up rebellion.

Did our playing cards originate in China?—Crib.

Many accounts have it so, their appearance in Europe being credited to the Saracens, who are said to have brought them from India, China and other Asiatic countries. But these claims are doubted, and it seems quite as likely that the cards originated in Europe in the fourteenth century.

Before them cards bearing emblematic pictures were used in fortune telling, and early playing cards had, in place of the present suit, symbols, cups, money, clubs and swords in Spain and Italy, and hearts, bells, acorns and leaves in Germany. The fifty-two card pack, substantially like that of to-day, dates back to the fifteenth century.

Do all kinds of birds build nests of some sort or other?—A. F.

No; a few lay their eggs directly on the ground, more numerous are those that deposit their eggs on shelves of seaside cliffs, and still others take deserted nests of other birds. In some cases first driving away the rightful owner. The most curious exception of all is the bird that lays eggs in the nests of another kind of bird, leaving the latter to hatch the eggs and attend to the young. Our cowbird, or cow-tunting, is of this class, choosing such smaller birds as finches and warblers as foster parents for its offspring. The summer yellow bird is also thus tricked, but sometimes turns the tables by elevating his nest, building over the unwelcome egg, and thus avoiding adopting a family.

Are fish that are artificially hatched fed before being liberated? If so, what is the food? 2. I have been told that fish eggs are shipped by hatcheries before they are entirely hatched; is this true? Will you tell how and why it is done?—L. D. P.

The fry of marine fishes and of such fresh water sorts as shad and pike-perca are not fed, but are turned loose soon after hatching. Other fish, like trout or salmon are fed, though the yolk sac sustains them for a month or more. Larvae of insects and crustaceans, and finally ground meat are fed. Your information is correct. Some are shipped as soon as the eye spots appear; others before. They are put between layers of damp cotton or moss, and the temperature is kept low by ice, or sometimes they are put in trays lined with snow. This is much easier and cheaper than shipping fish.

**MEDICAL NOTES.**

(Prepared for the Sunday Journal by an Old Practitioner.)

The exhibit of the Transiberian Railroad at Paris is of medical interest as an object lesson both in hygiene and comfort.

The walls of the cars are of smooth wood or tiles. The seats are covered with real or artificial leather. Appliances are provided for cooling and purifying the air. The water in the coolers has been boiled. Above all, there are skilled sanitary officials on each train ready to give assistance to passengers in need of their service. The draperies are reduced to a minimum and every precaution is taken to insure cleanliness. All this in marked contrast to our own over-decorated and much upholstered cars, in which luxury seems to be unconformed with comfort. As a fact, stuffed seats covered with plush are not only uncomfortable but unhealthy, and this applies as well to the home as to public furniture, it being a generally accepted theory that stuffed seats cause piles and other diseases due to overheating of the parts. Draperies, as well as the plush of the seats, make the car stuffy and are actually nets for the enmeshing of disease germs, which may later be transmitted to other occupants of the car. Carpets are open to the same objection. The hygienic car is of the plainest description, with no superfluous trimmings to catch dust and germs, and with all surfaces of such material that they can be washed and scrubbed clean.

For the interest of the railroad companies to use plain cars, but the public demand is for extravagant display in public conveyances, and public opinion alone can bring about the use of hygienic cars, which, while they may be comfortable, shall also be clean in a sanitary sense.

Dr. Johnson, a medical missionary, tells some very curious stories about the practice of medicine in China. The Chinese are very trying patients, as they can never be trusted to tell the truth about themselves. They will not follow directions and will eat all sorts of indigestible things, on the sly, such as green peanuts, pickled pig's stomach, decayed fish roe, raw turnips and Chinese pears, which are as hard as a rock. At first medical advice and service was given free, but the charity was abused and a fee table was given out, a quinine powder, for example, costing 5 cash, equivalent to about a quarter of a cent, while a minor surgical operation was scheduled at 2,000 cash. One day a patient came in and placed a box at the gate with a notice requesting contributions from patients acquainted with their means. A German visitor started the fund with \$25. After a month's service, during which 300 patients were treated, the box was opened and the \$25 having disappeared, even the \$25 having disappeared. Large fees are charged and collected in private practice from the wealthy classes, but practice is subject to many inconveniences. Dr. Johnson, for example, attended a wealthy woman and was obliged to feel her pulse by means of a silken cord tied to her wrist and conducted to the bedroom to the anteroom, where the doctor was obliged to remain while making his diagnosis. For this farcical treatment the doctor received \$100.

It is commonly admitted that a deficiency in proper diet is the cause of scurvy in children, and according to Colette, the lacking element is citric acid. Citric acid is a normal constituent of milk in the form of a lime salt (calcium citrate). This salt is less soluble in boiling water than in cold, and as a consequence during the process of sterilizing milk a portion of this essential ingredient is eliminated. In pasteurized milk, however, the heat required is less, and children fed on pasteurized milk are less liable to scurvy. Other things being equal, fresh milk is the best for children, but if boiled milk must be used, lime juice should be given at the same time. The water required as a diluent should be added before the milk is boiled; the milk should be removed from the fire as soon as possible after boiling; it should be allowed to become cold, and be well stirred with a spoon before being taken from the vessel in which it is boiled.

Aside from the nauseating odor arising from the swill bucket there are real elements of danger in it which threaten the health of the individual and the community. Swill is usually dumped in any out-of-the-way place, in the back yard, during the summer, and is conducted to the household, serving to the oxidation of the organic matter by the air, but in the winter it is often stored for a week or two in a corner of the cellar, where it ferments

and putrefies to perfection. Hot-air furnaces disseminate the germs bred in this festering mass, and no doubt cause disease in the members of the household. The most satisfactory method of disposing of all such waste is to burn it at once. True, this may cause a disagreeable smell for a moment, but fire effectively kills all elements of possible disease, and the smell will get about as nauseous as the air. Collect all the waste in a wire basket, allowing the fluid to drain off into the waste pipe. Add this waste, little by little, to the fire, and open all the drafts for a moment while it is burning. When the first portion has been disposed of add another, but do not put enough into the fire at any time to smother it. In this way all bad odors will be carried off up the chimney and the fire will be clear.

A state of affairs has been shown up by the mining strike which seems to be little short of robbery. It is that of the company doctor. According to the Philadelphia Medical Journal every miner is charged seventy-five cents a month, while the single man escapes with fifty cents. Taking the Markle operation as a basis, and averaging 4,500 employees at fifty cents, the company would get \$225,000 a month. At Jeddah there are three physicians. The chief of this staff receives about \$200 per month, while the assistants receive \$50 per month. This would leave \$300 reverting to the company as clear profit on the medical service alone. One of the demands of the miners is that each man be free to choose his own physician for himself and his family. Several of the companies deny that they employ contract doctors and state that their employees are free to select their own physicians, and make no charge for medical service, but they do not deny that some of the smaller operators do charge for medical service and employ company doctors.

Even health officers are not always wise in their rulings or actions. A few months ago a doctor from India arrived in Australia with some bubonic germs cultivated in gelatine. The health officers believed that these germs constituted a grave public danger, but could not at first think of any way of gaining possession of them. The Customs Department, however, came to their aid and declared that as gelatine was liable to duty the said gelatine had been smuggled and was therefore confiscated. It was then burned, and all Melbourne breathed freely again. The doctor who owned the gelatine declared that later the authorities would regret their action, and were sure enough they did, for when the plague finally arrived they needed serum for inoculation, but were obliged to wait until the needed supply could be obtained.

Dr. Hunter, of Toronto, in a plea for a broader and freer application of sanitary science in the building of our homes, schools, churches, theaters, etc., believes that no dwelling house should be constructed except under the supervision of an architect and a physician versed in sanitary science. It would hardly be worth while for an architect to spend several years in the study of medicine, but there is no reason why a physician should not make a profession of medicine as a matter of making profession should not take up sanitary architecture and become celebrated if not wealthy.

To remove blood from the hands they should first be washed in pure water, which dissolves the blood more rapidly than soap and water. Whenever the hands are smeared with blood in the dressing and cleaning of poultry and meat it should be speedily removed, as it may be absorbed and cause sore throat and blood poisoning. This is more essential in handling meat, which has been kept some time, as then the element of danger is greater, owing to putrefactive processes.

An obstruction of natural breathing through the nose in children should be remedied as soon as possible, as it leads to permanent and serious ear, throat and lung troubles in after life.

**Prescriptions.**

The following is recommended for the treatment of comedones or black heads:

Sulphuric ether, 1 ounce; carbonate of ammonia, 1 drachm; boracic acid, 20 grains; water sufficient to make two ounces. This is to be applied to the face with comedones or the pimples caused by them.

An excellent dressing for the protection and cure of varicose veins, ulcers, etc., is composed of glycerine, oxide of zinc and gelatine, of each one part, water three parts. The gelatine is soaked in the water until soft and then melted by heat. The glycerine is then added and the oxide of zinc stirred in. It is to be applied warm with a brush, several coats being applied one over the other.

**BACILLUS OF PRINTERS' INK.**

Everybody Writes a Book and No End Is in Sight.

Maurice Thompson, in Saturday Evening Post.

Said Sir Philip Sidney: "Overmastered by some thoughts, I yielded an ink tribute unto them." The dash of black crinkles trailed across a white page has had an irresistible fascination ever since the Cade-man invention reached a fabled state. From Sidney's days to ours the passion for the "ink tribute" has grown almost immeasurably. Indeed, writing seems to have got beyond the bounds of practical control, so that it has become a universal literary stage. Once upon a day authorship was a distinction, even in some measure a consequence of genius, and the humble professions to be listed with anger, hatred, revenge, love, reverence, ambition, despair and grief. Every body writes a book.

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